

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation Telephone: 505-748-4500 e-mail address: mikes@ypcnm.com  
Address: 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Artesia, N.M. 88210  
Facility or well name: Koonunga Hill BGX Federal 1 API #: 30-015-34380 U/L or Qtr/Qtr E Sec 19 T 22S R 25E  
County: Eddy Latitude: 32.37947 Longitude: 104.43947 NAD: 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner: Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

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<b>Pit</b> Type: Drilling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Work over <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness <u>12</u> mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume <u>20,000</u> bbl	<b>Below-grade tank</b> Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Construction material: _____ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not: _____
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet (20 points) 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) XXXX 100 feet or more (0 points)
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes (20 points) No (0 points) XXXX
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet (20 points) 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet (10 points) XXXX 1000 feet or more (0 points)
Ranking Score (Total Points) 20 points	

If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility NA. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Closure, work plan for drilling pit. An encapsulation trench will be constructed and lined with 12 mil synthetic liner next to existing drilling pit. The drilling pit contents will be excavated and emplaced into the encapsulation trench using a mixture of three to one pit material and Class H bulk cement or CKD. The emulsion of pit material and cement will be mixed using a track hoe and water added if needed. After completion of solidifying pit material in cement and pit contents have set in place for a minimum of 24 hours, the encapsulation trench will then be capped using a 20 mil synthetic liner placed over the pit contents with a minimum of a 3' over lap of the underlying trench areas. The trench will then be backfilled to grade using a minimum of 3' of clean soil or like material. A one call and 48 hour notification to OCD will be made before pit closure action begins. Beginning pit closure date: N/A. Ending pit closure date: N/A

See attached sampling and closure data

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☐, a general permit ☒, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 04/05/2006

Printed Name/Title Mike Stubblefield / Regulatory Agent

Signature Mike Stubblefield

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

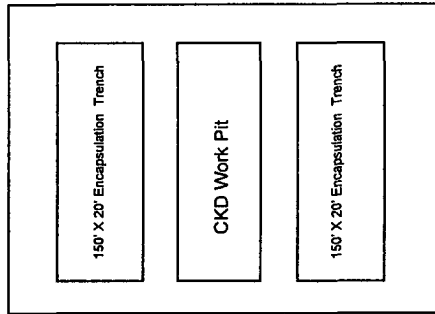
Approval:

Printed Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Signature [Signature] Date: APR 11 2006

# YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

## Reserve Pit Solidification Procedure

1. Diagram of deep burial trench(s) is provided with application for closure (form C-144)



Reserve pit 150' x 150'

2. **Solidification of Cuttings:**
  - (A) The cuttings will be mixed with a track hoe. Contents will be lifted and dropped so as to create a stirring process. This process will continue until CKD and pit contents are thoroughly bonded.
  - (B) The solidification material will be Cement Kiln Dust (CKD).
  - (C) CKD to pit contents ratio will be 1 yard of pit contents to 240 lbs. of CKD or 1,000 cubic yards of pit contents to 120 tons of CKD. Pit contents will be measured to determine actual volume (length x width x depth /27). CKD is weighed and delivered to the site in 40,000 lb increments.

A 1,200 cubic yard work pit is constructed inside the original reserve pit beside the encapsulation/solidification trench. One thousand cubic yards of pit contents will be placed in the work trench along with six 20 ton loads of CKD to begin the mixing process.
  - (D) Fresh water may be introduced to initiate the bonding process of CKD and pit contents.
  - (E) In order to assure proper mixing, all CKD is precisely weighed before delivery and pit construction is measured to a pre-determined need depending on exact volume of pit contents.
3. A minimum of three representative samples will be taken from pit contents prior to any work. These samples will be stored in closed containers.

4. Each stage being mixed will be sampled prior to transferring the slurry to the deep trench as follows:
  - (A) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the beginning of the transference and stored in a closed container.
  - (B) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the beginning of the transference and stored in an open container.
  - (C) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the end of the transference and stored in a closed container.
  - (D) One sample of the slurry will be taken at the end of the transference and stored in an open container.
5. All samples will be stored in environmentally approved containers.
6. All samples and associated paperwork will be delivered to the OCD office within 3 working days of closure.



**New Mexico Office of the State Engineer  
POD Reports and Downloads**

*Koonunga Hill BGX FEDERAL*

Township: 22S | Range: 25E | Sections:

NAD27 X: | Y: | Zone: | Search Radius:

County: | Basin: | Number: | Suffix:

Owner Name: (First) | (Last) | ☐ Non-Domestic ☐ Domestic  
☒ All

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**AVERAGE DEPTH OF WATER REPORT 03/28/2006**

Bsn	Tws	Rng	Sec	Zone	X	Y	Wells	(Depth Water in Feet)		
								Min	Max	Avg
C	22S	25E	01				1	20	20	20
C	22S	25E	09				1	460	460	460
C	22S	25E	11				1	385	385	385
C	22S	25E	16				1	200	200	200
C	22S	25E	19				1	60	60	60
C	22S	25E	28				1	52	52	52
C	22S	25E	29				1	60	60	60

Record Count: 7